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1. (Currently amended) A messaging method comprising:

generating a message from a mobile device, the message having significance independent of reporting a geographical location of the mobile device; and

attaching to an overhead portion of the message an automatically generated location stamp indicating the geographical location of the mobile device as an origin of the message.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

activating a locating device associated with the mobile device to provide the geographical location; and

generating the location stamp corresponding to the geographical location.

3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein the locating device is a GPS device, and the location is expressed using longitude and latitude values.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein generating the message comprises the user using an application program on the mobile device to generate the message.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the message includes a voice message from the user.

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein the message includes a text message that the user entered.

7. (canceled).
8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising transmitting the message from the mobile device to a receiving station.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the transmitting is via a wireless communication system.
10. (Canceled)
11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising determining at the receiving station whether a the geographical location identified by the location stamp corresponds to a predetermined location relevant to an action identified from the message.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the action is a delivery.
13. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the action is a charge to an account.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the charge is a credit card charge.
15. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising validating an identity of a sender of the message from the location stamp.
16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 8, further comprising:  
  
intercepting the message at a processing center before the message reaches the receiving station; and  
  
at the processing center converting the location stamp into a form suitable for the receiving station.

17. (Currently amended) A system including a mobile device, comprising:

a transmitter;

a locating device which provides a geographical location of the mobile device;

an interface to an application program presented to a user to allow a user generate a message having a significance independent of reporting a location of the mobile device; and

a control unit coupled to the transmitter, wherein for each message transmitted from the transmitter, the control unit receives the geographical location from the locating device and attaches a location stamp to an overhead portion of the message indicating the geographical location to the message.

18. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the locating device comprises a global satellite positioning (GPS) device.

19. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the transmitter comprises a wireless telephone system.

20. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the geographical location is expressed in terms of latitude and longitude values.

21. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the message includes a voice message from the user.

22. (Previously presented) The system of claim 20, wherein the message includes a text message that the user entered.

23. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the message from the mobile device is received by a receiving station.

24. (Previously presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the transmitter conforms to a protocol of a wireless communication system.

25. (Previously presented) The system of 23, wherein the receiving station determines whether the geographical location identified by the location stamp corresponds to a predetermined location relevant to an action identified from the message.

26. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the action is a delivery.

27. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the action is a charge to an account.

28. (Previously presented) The system of claim 27, wherein the charge is a credit card charge.

29. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein the receiving station validates an identity of a sender of the message from the location stamp.

30. (Previously presented) The system of claim 25, further comprising:

a processing center which intercepts the message before the message reaches the receiving station and which converts the location stamp into a form suitable for the receiving station.